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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: EWWT SNAR VE  
SUBJECT: M/V RIO CHICO

REF: CARACAS 7346

1. GOV ON AUGUST 11 INFORMED EMBASSY THAT RIO CHICO WAS SOLD ON MAY 1 BY OWNING COMPANY, LACUSTRE DE PESCA, TO TWO COLOMBIAN CITIZENS, ORANGEL ARISO IBARRA AND LUIS DIAZ POSADA. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, LACUSTRE DE PESCA ASKED FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SELL THE VESSEL ABROAD ON MARCH 28. AUTHORIZATION WAS GIVEN IN THE LATTER PART OF APRIL AND SALE ITSELF WAS CONSUMMATED ON MAY 1. GOV FOREIGN MINISTRY ASSUMES BUT DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER NEW OWNERS HAVE REGISTERED VESSEL IN COLOMBIA OR HAD ANY INTENTION TO DO SO. FACT REMAINS, HOWEVER, VESSEL IS NO LONGER OF VENEZUELAN REGISTRY. FONMIN EXPLAINED THAT THE PAPERS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THIS VESSEL HAD NOT YET BEEN FORWARDED TO THE TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY, WHICH IS OUR REGULAR SOURCE OF VESSEL REGISTRY INFORMATION.

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2. WHEN POLCOUNS FRECHETTE LEARNED THIS INFORMATION, HE RELAYED IT TO THE OPERATIONS CENTER WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT COAST GUARD BE QUERIED AS TO WHETHER ANY OTHER REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS WERE FOUND ABOARD THE RIO CHICO WHEN IT WAS BOARDED AND SEARCHED.

3. GOV FONMIN ADDED THAT LACUSTRE DE PESCA ON MAY 1 ALSO SOLD ANOTHER  
OF ITS VESSELS, THE RIO FRANCO, TO THE SAME TWO COLOMBIANS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHETHER  
USCG ABLE TO DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION AS TO NEW COUNTRY OF REGISTRATION

OF RIO CHICO.  
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